

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application are requested.

Applicants have canceled claim 8. Accordingly, claims 2-7, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 21-23 remain pending in the application.

The Examiner has indicated that all of the remaining pending claims 2-7, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 21-23 are allowed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that no other issues remain, and the application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing explanations, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the present application, allow claims 2-7, 9, 10, 14, 15 and 21-23, and pass the application to issue. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kenneth D. Springer (Reg. No. 39,843) at (703) 715-0870 to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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